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(b) whether it is also a fact that stringent laws in Europe and other countries have driven these multinational companies to India for clinical trials; and

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to introduce a stringent law for clinical trials in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) India has some inherent and natural advantages in clinical research. Multinational companies prefer India as a hub for clinical trials because of India's highly skilled medical fraternity, presence of many world class medical institutions and a large treatment-naïve population and cost competitiveness of Indian industries and research institutions..

Legislation to control clinical trials is already available in the country.

Regulations for conducting Clinical Trials in the country are prescribed under Rules 122 DA-122 E and Schedule Y of Drugs and Cosmetics Rules which was amended in year 2005. Good Clinical Practices (GCP) Guidelines has been introduced by the Ministry in the year 2001 and Ethical Guidelines were issued by ICMR in the year 2000.

Model stations

3303. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of railway stations selected/identified for being developed as model stations in each zone by the Railways during each of the last three years;

(b) what is the criteria adopted by the Railway for selection of railway stations as model stations; and

(c) the number of railway stations proposed to be developed as model stations during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The total number of railway stations selected/identified for being developed as model stations in each zone during the last three years is appended as Statement (See below).

(b) While presenting the Railway Budget 1999-2000, the then Minister of Railways declared that all efforts will be made to make at least one

station in each division as model station where higher level of passenger amenities will be provided. Consequent upon the announcement so made, 61 stations were initially selected as model station. Later on, more model stations were added from time to time. Now as per the announcement made during the presentation of Railway Budget 2006-07, all 'A' and 'B' category stations have been selected as model stations.

(c) During the current financial year, four stations viz. Barh, Bhabua Road, Dalsinghsarai and Phulwarisarif have so far been selected for development as model stations.

Statement

Total number of railway stations selected/identified for being developed as Model Stations

Railway	Number of model stations opened during the year		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Central			18
Eastern	1		9
East Central		4	18
East Coast			6
Northern			39
North Central			11
North Eastern			17
Northeast Frontier	1	2	3
North Western			14
Southern		1	17
South Central			50
South Eastern			1
Southeast Central			22
South Western			
Western			21
West Central		1	9
TOTAL:	2	8	255